(b) if so, what is the total number of refugees from Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan at present; and

(c) what are the names of the places where these refugees have been accommodated; and

(d) what is the total expenditure per day incurred on these refugees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and the same will be placed on the Table of the House.

Additional telephone lines during Eighth Five Year Plan

297. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) wheher Government have taken a decision about the technology to be adopted to provide 52 lakh additional telephone lines during the Eighth Five Year Plan period as announced;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to increase the production in order to achieve the target and the details of technology to be adopted;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Telecom Commission has ot held even a single meeting during the last six months; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) Different technologies are available to meet the equirement for large, medium and small size exchanges. In so far as medium and small size exchanges are concerned, adequate capacity is available in the country to meet the requirements. In case of large capacity exchanges the existing capacities are being expanded and to meet the marginal gap which is seem at this stage additional manufacturing capacities will be set up. At this stage it is expected that these additional capacities will be based on available technologies or the technology being developed within the country.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Jharkhand Issue

298. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a the details of the steps taken by Government to achieve break-through in solving the Jharkhand issue;

(b) whether Government have received any response from the concerned Jharkhand parties; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the views of the concerned States on the subject?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) In order to find ways and means of arriving at a viable solution to the Jharkhand problem, Ministry of Home Affairs had constituted a Committee on Jharkhand Matters on 23rd August 1989 The Committee submitted its report to the Union Home Minister on 18th May 1990. During the finalisation of the Report of the Committee, the representatives of the Government of Bihar, who were also members of the Committee, expressed their inability to comment authoritaively on the views of the experts in the absence of directions from he State Government. They, however, undertook to convey their Government's reaction after the Report was made available to the State Government A copy of the Report of the Committee on Jharkhand Matters was, therefoe, sent to the Government of Bihar on 4th June 1990 for obtaining their views on the recommendations of the Report. The views of the Government of Bihar are awaited.

(b) After the submission of the Report by the Commitee on Jharkhand Matters, no response has been received from the concerned parties.

(c) The Government of Bihar are vet to furnish their views on the recommendtions of the Committee.